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For: VENDOR-MANAGED INVENTORY  
METHOD AND SYSTEM

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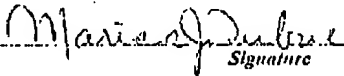
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>   |                                     |                                   |   | Docket No.<br><b>51134</b>    |                   |
| Applicant(s): <b>Eric R. Alling</b>  |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
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| Invention: <b>VENDOR-MANAGED INVENTOR METHOD AND SYSTEM</b>  |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| <b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>  |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR       | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT  | RATE                          | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 9                                   | 20                                | 0   | x \$18.00                     | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 3                                   | 3                                 | 0   | x \$86.00                     | \$0.00            |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                     |                                   |   |                               | \$0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>   |                                     |                                   |   |                               | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>06-1130</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. |                                     |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| <br>_____<br>Signature  |                                     |                                   | Dated: <b>March 16, 2004</b>  |                               |                   |
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| <b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION BY FACSIMILE (37 CFR 1.8)</b>  |                              |                            | Docket No.<br>51134    |
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| <p>I hereby certify that this <u>Amendment Transmittal, Final Amendment</u><br/>(Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. <u>703-872-9306</u>)</p> <p>on <u>March 16, 2004</u><br/>(Date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jane M. Theberge</u><br/>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jane M Theberge</u><br/>(Signature)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.</p> |                              |                            |                        |

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